
Introduction

Schedule 4 of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* (the Act) allows the State Planning Commission (the Commission), with the approval of the Minister for Planning, to establish a scheme for the monitoring and evaluation of performance in the exercise of statutory functions under the Act.

The scheme may include –

- (a) the collection, retention, analysis and provision of information; and
- (b) the provision of returns, reports and information to the Commission; and
- (c) requirements as to the undertaking of audits and self-assessments, or requirements to arrange, or submit to, audits by persons who hold specified qualifications; and
- (d) the evaluation of performance and the preparation of reports by the Commission; and
- (e) other matters as the Commission thinks appropriate.

The Commission has prepared this Scheme in relation to part a, to effectively monitor, evaluate and report on the performance, efficiency and various quantitative aspects of the development assessment scheme (Part 7 of the Act).

The Act envisages that the Commission may, from time to time, with the approval of the Minister, vary or substitute the scheme.

It is expected that following the commencement of the new planning system, this scheme will be expanded to include a wider range of indicators relating to qualitative and cumulative outcomes of new development (to analyse matters such as built form, environmental, social and economic outcomes)

Later additions may relate to other components of the Act.



Part 1 - Preliminary

1.1 Citation

This scheme may be cited as the *State Planning Commission Performance Indicators (System) Scheme 2019*.

1.2 Operation

This scheme will come into operation on 1 July 2020.

1.3 Object of the Scheme

The object of this scheme is to:

- (a) monitor, evaluate and report on the performance, efficiency and various quantitative aspects of the planning and development system;
- (b) identify performance indicators that must be measured
- (c) set out the timing of measurement and method of publishing.

1.4 Interpretation

In this scheme, unless the contrary intention appears –

- *Act* means the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*
- *Code* means the *Planning and Design Code*
- *Commission* means the *State Planning Commission*
- *Court* means the *Environment, Resources and Development Court*
- *Relevant Authority* means any relevant authority set out in section 82 of the Act
- *The Department* means *The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure*
- *Indicators* means the *Scheme Indicators* set out in Attachment A.

Note: Section 14 of the Acts Interpretation Act 1915 provides that an expression used in an instrument made under an Act has, unless the contrary intention appears, the same meaning as in the Act under which the instrument was made.

Part 2 – Scheme Indicators

- 2.1 The Scheme Indicators are set out in Attachment A.
- 2.2 The Indicators apply to all *Relevant Authorities*.

Part 3 – Data Collection

- 3.1 The Department will collect the data required for the scheme indicators centrally via the Development Assessment Processing solution within the SA Planning Portal.
- 3.2 No manual collection of data will be required from Councils or other persons/industry bodies.

Part 4 – Evaluation and Reporting

- 4.1 Each indicator may be broken into ‘sub-indicators’ to enable more detailed reporting.
- 4.2 Sub-indicators may relate to matters such as the different assessment pathways, different relevant authorities, geographical areas, time periods or the like.
- 4.3 Sub-indicators will enable detailed and tailored analysis of planning data by the Department to then report to the Commission.
- 4.4 The evaluation and reporting process relating to the scheme will occur on an annual basis, shortly following the end of each financial year.
- 4.5 The Commission must report on the indicators as part of its annual report.
- 4.6 The report must include:
 - a summary of the data into key statistics and themes
 - evaluation of statistics and what they mean for the operation of the planning system
 - comparison with statistics from previous financial years
 - recommendations in relation to issues or inefficiencies identified in the system.
- 4.7 The first formal report on the scheme from DPTI to the Commission will occur shortly following the end of the 20/21 financial year.
- 4.8 This will enable the scheme to collect a full financial year of state wide data (from July 2020 - being the date of full implementation of the Planning and Design Code across the state).
- 4.9 The report will be made available on the SA Planning Portal.



Part 5 – Transitional Arrangements

- 5.1 During the transitional period to the new planning system (i.e. the period up to Phase 3 commencing), the Department will collect a limited number of indicators (subject to capability of the ePlanning system at that point in time).
- 5.2 These may aid in understanding how the previously commenced phases of the system have been operating to then assist in refining the remaining phases in the roll out of the new planning system. These selected indicators will likely be as follows:

Phase 1	Indicator Number
Phase 1 Indicators (Land Not Within a Council Area - from mid 2019)	1, 2, 4, 14, 15
Phase 2 Indicators (LNWCA and regional areas - from late 2019)	1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 31

- 5.3 DPTI will provide the Commission with a report summarising the data collected for these indicators towards the end of each of the two phases.

Attachment A – Indicators for the scheme

General system- related indicators

- 1) Number of applications lodged
- 2) Number of planning consents granted
- 3) Number of planning consents granted per assessment category
- 4) Number of planning consents refused
- 5) Numbers of full development approvals for buildings (by ABS Functional Classification Code)
- 6) Number of performance assessed applications that underwent public notification
- 7) Number of applications (which required building consent) granted building consent
- 8) Number of applications (which required building consent) refused building consent
- 9) Number of additional allotments approved in land divisions (i.e. granted land division certificate under section 138)
- 10) Value of developments granted planning consent (development cost on application form)
- 11) Total fees collected
- 12) Number of applications linked to enforcement/ compliance notices
- 13) Land divisions in environment and food production areas (includes approvals, refusals, numbers of additional lots created and SCAP concurrence requests).

Performance of relevant authorities and other bodies

- 14) Number of planning decisions made within statutory timeframe
- 15) Median number of business days for relevant authority to make decision on planning consent
- 16) Number of referrals to each other authority or agency, timeframes to comment and direction given (including pre-lodgement referrals)
- 17) Number of Deemed Consents granted
- 18) Number of Deemed Consents appealed by relevant authority
- 19) Number of deemed consents overturned by Environment, Resources and Development Court
- 20) Number of building inspections undertaken as required by practice direction
- 21) Percentage of requests for further information that were responded to by applicants within statutory timeframe
- 22) Median number of business days for relevant authority to make decision on building rules consent
- 23) Applicant appeal on refusal issued by relevant authority (includes appeals to principal authority, court appeals and resultant outcomes)



- 24) Applicant appeal on conditions of consent issued by relevant authority (includes appeals to principal authority, court appeals and resultant outcomes)
- 25) Third party appeal against consent issued by relevant authority
- 26) Appeal by applicant against relevant authority regarding process
- 27) Appeal by third party against relevant authority regarding process
- 28) Appeal by applicant against refusal at direction of referral body

Trends

- 29) Number of regulated/significant trees granted Development Approval for removal or other damaging activity
- 30) Number of applications involving adaptive reuse of State or Local Heritage Places
- 31) Total percentages of customer satisfaction ratings (using Likert scale) with free text box
- 32) Number of Design Reviews undertaken
- 33) Number of approvals for significant developments (exceeding \$1m in value or more than 20 additional allotments for land divisions)
- 34) Changes in land use types granted planning consent

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